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***"AN ACT EXPANDING THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS."***

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-12d of the general statutes is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
4 *October 1, 2005*):

5 (a) A physician assistant who has complied with the provisions of
6 sections 20-12b and 20-12c may perform medical functions delegated
7 by a supervising physician when: (1) The supervising physician is
8 satisfied as to the ability and competency of the physician assistant; (2)
9 such delegation is consistent with the health and welfare of the patient
10 and in keeping with sound medical practice; and (3) when such
11 functions are performed under the oversight, control and direction of
12 the supervising physician. The functions that may be performed under
13 such delegation are those that are within the scope of the supervising
14 physician's license, within the scope of such physician's competence as
15 evidenced by such physician's postgraduate education, training and

16 experience and within the normal scope of such physician's actual
17 practice. Delegated functions shall be implemented in accordance with
18 written protocols established by the supervising physician. All orders
19 written by physician assistants shall be followed by the signature of
20 the physician assistant and the printed name of the supervising
21 physician. A physician assistant may, as delegated by the supervising
22 physician within the scope of such physician's license, (A) prescribe
23 and administer drugs, including controlled substances in schedule IV
24 or V in all settings, (B) renew prescriptions for controlled substances in
25 schedule II, [or] III, IV or V in [outpatient] all settings, and (C)
26 prescribe and administer controlled substances in schedule II or III [to
27 an inpatient in a short-term hospital, chronic disease hospital,
28 emergency room satellite of a general hospital, or, after an admission
29 evaluation by a physician, in a chronic and convalescent nursing home,
30 as defined in the regulations of Connecticut state agencies and licensed
31 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 19a-491] in all settings, provided
32 in all cases where the physician assistant prescribes a controlled
33 substance in schedule II or III, the physician under whose supervision
34 the physician assistant is prescribing shall [cosign the order not later
35 than twenty-four hours thereafter] document such physician's
36 approval of the order in the patient's medical record not later than one
37 calendar day thereafter. The physician assistant may, as delegated by
38 the supervising physician within the scope of such physician's license,
39 request, sign for, receive and dispense drugs to patients, in the form of
40 professional samples as defined in section 20-14c or when dispensing
41 in an outpatient clinic as defined in the regulations of Connecticut state
42 agencies and licensed pursuant to subsection (a) of section 19a-491 that
43 operates on a not-for-profit basis, or when dispensing in a clinic
44 operated by a state agency or municipality. Nothing in this subsection
45 shall be construed to allow the physician assistant to request, sign for,
46 receive or dispense any drug the physician assistant is not authorized
47 under this subsection to prescribe."